

**FORTIETH DAY**

(Monday, March 28, 1955)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Weinert
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent—Excused

Lane

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

"O God, our Father, we would learn from Thy servant Moses to loose the sandals off our feet for the ground on which we stand is holy ground. We bow in humble recognition of Thy holy presence; praying for a full faith; a firm hope; a fervent charity, and more love for Thee. We pray in Christ's name. Amen."

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday and Friday, March 24 and 25, 1955, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

**Leave of Absence**

Senator Lane was granted leave of absence for today and the remainder of the week on account of illness on motion of Senator Hardeman.

**Senate Bill 373 on First Reading**

Senator Bracewell moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent

Fly Weinert

Absent—Excused

Lane

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

Bn Senator Bracewell:

S. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2 of Chapter 56, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, First Called Session, 1954, to extend the duration of the 151st District Court and the 152nd District Court; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Judicial Districts.

**Senate Bill 374 on First Reading**

Senator Kelley moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—29

Aikin	Kelley
Ashley	Latimer
Bracewell	Lock
Colson	Martin
Corbin	McDonald
Fly	Moffett
Fuller	Moore
Hardeman	Owen
Hazlewood	Parkhouse
Kazen	Phillips

Ratliff	Secrest
Roberts	Shireman
Rogers	Strauss
of Childress	Wagonseller
Rogers of Travis	Willis

Absent

Weinert

Absent—Excused

Lane

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Kelley:

S. B. No. 374, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that no oil, gas and mineral lease, or oil and gas lease, now in existence and which was granted by any political subdivision of the State, city, town, village, county, school district, water control and improvement district, water control and preservation district, water control district, water improvement district, water power control district, water supply district or irrigation district, for a valid consideration, shall be cancelled or held voidable or invalid because the lessor in such lease or leases has heretofore failed to give notice by newspaper publication of the intent to grant such lease or leases and that competitive bids for such lease or leases would be received, provided that any such lease or leases are not void or voidable for any other cause, and providing that nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting pending litigation; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

#### Senate Bill 375 on First Reading

Senator Parkhouse moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—29

Aikin	Fly
Ashley	Fuller
Bracewell	Hardeman
Colson	Kazen
Corbin	Kelley

Latimer	Roberts
Lock	Rogers
Martin	of Childress
McDonald	Rogers of Travis
Moffett	Secrest
Moore	Shireman
Owen	Strauss
Parkhouse	Wagonseller
Phillips	Weinert
Ratliff	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood

Absent—Excused

Lane

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Parkhouse:

S. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article I of Chapter 51, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, First Called Session, 1954, by adding a new section extending the duration of the Special Criminal District Court of Dallas County; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Judicial Districts.

#### Senate Resolution 150

Senator Corbin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Catherine Anne Owen, the lovely eldest daughter of Senator Frank Owen, is now six years old; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate of Texas that a photograph of this charming young lady be included on the 1955 block picture of the Senate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Catherine Anne Owen be designated a "Sweetheart" of the 54th Legislature.

CORBIN  
WAGONSELLER

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Committee Substitute Senate Bill 12 on Third Reading

On motion of Senator Bracewell, and by unanimous consent, the President laid before the Senate on its third reading and final passage the following bill:

C.S.S.B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act making certain adjustments

in the incorporation, organization, regulation, and operation of life, health or accident insurance companies subject to the provisions of Senate Bill No. 236, known as the Insurance Code, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, and accomplishing this purpose by; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read the third time and was passed.

#### Record of Votes

Senators Shireman and Willis asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the final passage of S. B. No. 12.

#### Senate Bill 40 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the salaries of all State officers except the salaries and other compensation of District Judges; specifically providing that the Legislature shall fix the amount of compensation to be paid clerks of the Courts of Civil Appeals, the Supreme Court, and the Court of Criminal Appeals out of the fees of office; specifically suspending all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

#### Senate Bill 40 on Third Reading

Senator Martin moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 40 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—27

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bracewell	McDonald
Colson	Owen
Corbin	Parkhouse
Fly	Phillips
Fuller	Ratliff
Hardeman	Roberts
Kazen	Rogers
Kelley	of Childress
Latimer	Rogers of Travis

Secrest  
Shireman  
Strauss

Wagonseller  
Weinert  
Willis

Absent

Hazlewood  
Moffett

Moore

Absent—Excused

Lane

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—29

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Weinert
Moffett	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood

Absent—Excused

Lane

#### Senate Bill 161 on Second Reading

Senator Fly asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 161 for consideration at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Fly then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 161 for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—23

Aikin	Fuller
Ashley	Hardeman
Bracewell	Kazen
Colson	Kelley
Fly	Latimer

Lock	Rogers
Martin	of Childress
McDonald	Rogers of Travis
Moffett	Secrest
Moore	Shireman
Parkhouse	Strauss
Ratliff	Willis

Nays—5

Corbin	Roberts
Owen	Wagonseller
Phillips	

Absent

Hazlewood	Weinert
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Absent—Excused

Lane

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment the following bill:

S. B. No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 8 of Article XVII, Chapter 184 of the Acts, 47th Legislature, Regular Session, codified as Article 7065b-8, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, and Subsection (g) of Section 14, Article XVII, Chapter 184 of the Acts, 47th Legislature, Regular Session, as amended by Subsection 5 (g) of Section XXII, Chapter 402 of the Acts, 51st Legislature, Regular Session, codified as Article 7065b-14(g), by adding to each section a paragraph providing that the lien shall not be valid as against any mortgagee of a motor vehicle provided such mortgagee is without notice and has complied with the provisions of the Certificate of Title Act prior to the filing by the Comptroller with the State Highway Department a certificate which shows that a tax lien exists upon such vehicle; providing a fee of twenty-five cents (\$.25) and no more shall be charged by the State Highway Department to pay for the expenses of administering this Act; providing a saving clause; providing that this Act shall take precedence over any other conflicting or inconsistent laws; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read the second time.

Senator Fly offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 161 by changing the words "Acts 51st Legislature" where it appears in Section 2 so that it will read "Acts 52nd Legislature."

The committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Fly offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 3 of S. B. No. 161 by changing the words and figures "twenty-five cents (\$.25)" to read "one dollar (\$1.00)."

The committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 161 by striking out the following words in Section 1, Page 2, line 29, of said bill "and any purchaser of a motor vehicle upon which a tax lien exists" and insert in lieu thereof the following words "and any mortgagee of any mortgage."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 2 of S. B. No. 161, Page 4, line 17, by striking out the following words "and any purchaser of a motor vehicle upon which a tax lien exists" and insert in lieu thereof the following words "and any mortgagee of any mortgage."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator Fly and by unanimous consent the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

#### Senate Bill 161 on Third Reading

Senator Fly moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 161 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Latimer
Ashley	Lock
Bracewell	Martin
Colson	McDonald
Fly	Moffett
Fuller	Moore
Hardeman	Owen
Kazen	Parkhouse
Kelley	Phillips

Ratliff	Shireman
Roberts	Strauss
Rogers	Wagonseller
of Childress	Weinert
Rogers of Travis	Willis
Secrest	

**Nays—1**

Corbin

**Absent**

Hazlewood

**Absent—Excused**

Lane

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

**Bills Signed**

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating Galveston County Navigation District No. 1; validating the election held Jan. 30, 1954, for the creation of said District and the issuance of bonds thereof and the levy of a tax for said bonds, and validating all proceedings relating to said election and creation and bonds, and validating said bonds, and providing that said bonds when approved by the Attorney General, registered by the Comptroller, and delivered to the purchaser or purchasers, shall be incontestable; validating governmental proceedings and acts performed by the governing board of said district and all officers thereof and by county officials and municipal officials in connection with said District; validating the area and boundary lines of said District; declaring that said district is one established and created under Sec. 59, Art. XVI, Constitution of Texas, and necessary to carry out the provisions of said Sec. 59, and that all land and other property within District are benefited by creation of said District and will be benefited by carrying out of the purposes for which the District was created and by the acquisition and construction of the navigation facilities and improvements to carry out such purposes; providing that no power or authority be granted over the appointment, re-

muneration, operations or conduct of the Branch Pilots of the Galveston Bar or pilots of the Galveston Bar; providing that this act shall not apply to pending litigation in which the validity of creation of the District or of said bonds is involved if such litigation is ultimately determined against the legality thereof; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring powers and authority contained in Section 3a, of Chapter 25, Acts Regular Session of the 39th Legislature, as amended, upon El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4; making a finding of benefits and providing that no election on confirmation of the organization of the District and no exclusion hearing shall be held in said District; providing for an election for the authorization of bonds of the District; conferring all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the General Laws on said District; validating, ratifying and confirming all acts and proceedings heretofore had and taken in connection with the creation of said District; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 175, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the 'County Court at Law of Potter County' and defining its jurisdiction, original and appellate; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 177, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 and Section 11 of House Bill No. 91, Chapter 59, Page 167, Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, First Called Session, 1927, codified as Article 1970-305, so as to provide that the practice in the County Court at Law of Cameron County and the Appeals and Writs of Error therefrom shall conform to laws relating to county courts; fixing the terms of the County Court at Law of Cameron County, and providing where said court shall be held; amending Section 11 of Article 1970-305, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, so as to provide procedure for the appointment of a Judge of the County Court at Law of Cameron County; providing that the County Judge of Cameron County shall sit to hear all matters of such disqualification, providing a method for the election of a special judge in such cases; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled

"An Act amending Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 283, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, 1951, by removing Waller County from the provisions and application of the Act; and declaring an emergency."

#### Message from the Governor

The following message received from the Governor today was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations of the Governor:

Austin, Texas,  
March 28, 1955.

To the Senate of the Fifty-fourth Legislature:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointment:

To be Branch Pilot for Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel for two-year term to expire February 24, 1957: D. O. Duncan of Harris County.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALLAN SHIVERS,  
Governor of Texas.

#### Message from the Governor

The President laid before the Senate and directed the Reading Clerk to read the following message received from the Governor:

Austin, Texas,  
March 28, 1955.

To the Members of the Fifty-fourth Legislature:

Complying with the request contained in H. C. R. No. 71, I am returning herewith House Bill No. 27.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALLAN SHIVERS,  
Governor of Texas.

#### Senate Bill 44 on Second Reading

Senator Parkhouse asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. 44 for consideration at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Parkhouse then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 44 for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—22

Aikin

Ashley

Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Kelley	of Childress
Latimer	Rogers of Travis
Lock	Secrest
Martin	Strauss
Moffett	Weinert
Owen	

Nays—6

Corbin	Shireman
McDonald	Wagonseller
Moore	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood	Kazen
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Absent—Excused

Lane

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment the following bill:

S. B. No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the subject matter embraced in subsection (d) of Section 5 of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended (Section 3 of H. B. 417, Chapter 148, page 282, Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session), providing that an individual shall be disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits for any benefit period where his unemployment is due to a stoppage of work which exists because of a labor dispute at the factory, establishment or other premises (including a vessel) at which he is or was last employed, or because of a labor dispute at another place, either within or without this state, owned or operated by the same employing unit which owns or operates the premises at which he is or was last employed, and supplies materials or services necessary to the continued and usual operation of the premises at which he is or was last employed; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

#### Record of Vote

Senators Shireman, Corbin, Willis and Moore asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the passage of S. B. No. 44 to engrossment.

**Senate Bill 44 on Third Reading**

Senator Parkhouse moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. B. No. 44 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—24**

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Kazen	of Childress
Kelley	Rogers of Travis
Latimer	Secrest
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Weinert
McDonald	

**Nays—5**

Corbin	Wagonseller
Moore	Willis
Shireman	

**Absent**

Hazlewood

**Absent—Excused**

Lane

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

**Record of Votes**

Senators Shireman, Corbin, Willis, Moore, and Wagonseller asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the final passage of S. B. No. 44.

**Senate Resolution 151**

Senator Roberts offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as a visitor in the Senate W. H. (Pete) Moseley, McKinney, Texas; N. O. Wright, Farmersville, Texas; and Hailds Pearce, McKinney, Texas; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the

Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Roberts, by unanimous consent, presented the guests to the Members of the Senate.

**Senate Resolution 152**

Senator Rogers of Childress offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Conn of Childress County and Mrs. Conn's sister, Mrs. B. L. Hooper of Colton, California; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Rogers, of Childress, by unanimous consent, presented the guests to the Members of the Senate.

**Senate Bill 43 on Second Reading**

On motion of Senator Kazen, and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 16, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, 1926, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 116, Acts of the 48th Legislature, 1943, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read the second time.

Senator Kazen offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. 43 by deleting all of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. Any county, or any po-

political subdivision of a county or any road district that has been or may hereafter be created by any General or Special Law, is hereby authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or political subdivision or road district, and to levy and collect ad valorem taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof. Such bonds shall be issued in the manner hereinafter provided, and as contemplated and authorized by Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of this State. The term 'Political Subdivision,' as used in this Act, shall be construed to mean any commissioner's precinct or any justice precinct of a county, now or hereafter to be created and established. Provided when the principal and all interest on said bonds are fully paid, in the event there is any surplus remaining in the sinking fund, said remaining surplus not used in the full payment of the principal and interest on said bond or bonds may be used by the county, political subdivision of the county, or any local district that has been or may hereafter be created by any general or special law for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes or in the aid thereof as may be determined by the Commissioners Court of any county or the officials of any political subdivision of a county or any said road district.

"Provided, further, that after each biennial appropriation has been made by the Legislature under the provisions of Section 7-a, Article VIII, Constitution of Texas, for the payment of principal, interest, and sinking fund requirements of bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for payment out of the County and Road District Highway Fund, all moneys in the interest and sinking fund of any such bond or warrant issue over and above whatever is necessary to supplement the funds made available under said appropriation for the biennium for which the appropriation is made, less such moneys as have been accumulated for sinking fund requirements for prior years as 'sinking fund' is defined in Article 6674q-7(a), Vernon's Texas

Civil Statutes, may be considered as surplus and may be used by the Commissioners Court for the purchase of right of ways in the county, or district, or political subdivision, as the case may be, for highways and roads constructed by, or constructed under the supervision of, or maintained by the State Highway Department; provided, further, that if the funds appropriated by the Legislature shall ever for any reason be insufficient for the payment of the eligible portion of the principal, interest, and sinking fund requirements falling due during the biennium for which the appropriation is made, or if the Legislature shall fail to make an appropriation, then taxes shall be assessed, levied, and collected in an amount sufficient to insure full payment of said principal, interest, and sinking fund requirements; the Commissioners Court is limited to the expenditure of such surplus sinking funds as are on hand upon the effective date of this Act, and any further payments of any kind or character made to such sinking funds after that date shall not be available for the purchase of additional right of ways."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

#### Senate Bill 43 on Third Reading

Senator Kazen moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 43 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—29

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Weinert
Moffett	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood



## Absent—Excused

Lane

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—25

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Rogers
Fly	of Childress
Fuller	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
McDonald	Weinert
Moffett	Willis

## Nays—2

Hardeman Martin

## Absent

Hazlewood	Roberts
Owen	

## Absent—Excused

Lane

## Senate Bill 216 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator McDonald and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 16, Acts of the 39th Legislature, First Called Session, 1926, as amended, so as to enlarge the purposes for which a surplus in the sinking fund for county road bonds may be used; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

## Senate Bill 216 on Third Reading

Senator McDonald moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 216 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—25

Aikin	Parkhouse
Ashley	Phillips
Bracewell	Ratliff
Colson	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Fuller	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
McDonald	Wagonseller
Moffett	Weinert
Moore	Willis

## Nays—2

Hardeman Martin

## Absent

Corbin	Owen
Hazlewood	

## Absent—Excused

Lane

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—27

Aikin	Parkhouse
Ashley	Phillips
Bracewell	Ratliff
Colson	Roberts
Corbin	Rogers
Fly	of Childress
Fuller	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
McDonald	Wagonseller
Moffett	Weinert
Moore	Willis
Owen	

## Nays—2

Hardeman Martin

## Absent

Hazlewood	Kazen
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## Absent—Excused

Lane

(Senator Weinert in the Chair.)

**Senate Bill 60 on Second Reading**

Senator Rogers of Travis asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 60 for consideration at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Rogers of Travis then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 60 for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—26**

Aikin	Owen
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Fuller	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Weinert
Martin	Willis
Moffett	

**Nays—4**

Hardeman	Moore
McDonald	Wagonseller

**Absent—Excused**

Lane

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment the following bill:

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subsection (c) of Section 3, Acts 41st Leg., Second Called Session, 1929, Ch. 42, p. 72, as amended by Acts 42nd Leg., R. S., 1931, Ch. 282, p. 507, as amended by Acts 51st Leg., R. S., 1949, Ch. 469, p. 870, as amended by Acts 53rd Leg., R. S., 1953, Chaps. 126 and 179, pp. 438, 501, regulating the length of vehicles and combinations of vehicles including motor buses and mobile homes, and providing exceptions; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, provided, however, that this Act shall not be construed to alter, amend or repeal the existing maximum load limit laws provided for commercial motor vehicles and combinations thereof; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

**Senate Bill 60 on Third Reading**

Senator Rogers of Travis moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 60 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—26**

Aikin	Owen
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Fuller	of Childress
Hardeman	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Weinert
Martin	Willis
Moffett	

**Nays—3**

McDonald	Wagonseller
Moore	

**Absent**

Hazlewood

**Absent—Excused**

Lane

The Presiding Officer then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—25**

Aikin	Owen
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Fuller	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Weinert
Moffett	Willis

## Nays—5

Hardeman	Moore
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	

## Absent—Excused

Lane

## Senate Bill 134 on Second Reading

Senator Moffett asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 134 at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Moffett then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 134 at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—27

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Weinert
McDonald	Willis

## Nays—3

Hardeman	Wagonseller
Moore	

## Absent—Excused

Lane

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment the following bill:

S. B. No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the State Building Commission created by Section 51-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas to be a State agency for the purpose of performing the governmental functions outlined therein, with powers of eminent domain, and empowering the Commission to promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this Act; providing for the selection and tenure of a Chairman of the Commission and for the employment and

qualification of an Executive Director and other necessary employees and assistance and the fixing of their compensation; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read the second time.

Senator Moffett offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 134 by striking out all below the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. The State Building Commission, to be composed of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Chairman of the Board of Control, is hereby declared to be a State agency for performing the governmental functions outlined in Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution of the State, and where the term "Commission" is referred to in this Act, it shall mean the State Building Commission.

Sec. 2. The Commission shall meet immediately after the effective date of this Act and elect its Chairman for a period of two years, ending the first day of February, 1957, and shall in like manner elect a Chairman for the ensuing two years on or before the first day of February each two years thereafter. Should the chairmanship become vacant during the interim between such biennial elections, same shall be filled by a majority vote of the Commission.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems proper for the effective administration of this Act. Under such terms and conditions as may be provided by law, the Commission may acquire necessary real and personal property, modernize, remodel, build and equip buildings for State purposes, and make contracts necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes herein mentioned in keeping with appropriations authorized by the Legislature.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall employ the Executive Director of the State Building Commission. The Executive Director shall receive a salary of not less than Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) Dollars per annum and shall possess qualifications and training which suit him to perform the duties of him by the Commission. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to carry out such duties as the Commission may direct. The Ex-

ecutive Director shall give bond in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars payable to the State of Texas conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties. The Executive Director may, with the consent and approval of the Commission, employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other assistance as may be deemed necessary, the compensation for whom may be fixed by the Commission until September 1, 1955, after which they shall be fixed in the biennial appropriation bill. The Commission may require bond of such additional employees.

Sec. 5. The Commission is authorized to take any action and enter into any contracts necessary to provide for the obtaining of sites and the planning, designing and construction of the buildings and memorials provided for by Section 51-b, Article III of the Constitution, and the Commission is also authorized to take any action and enter into any contracts to obtain sites which it deems necessary in order to provide for the orderly future development of the State Building Program which is contemplated by this Act, in so far as appropriations permit. Provided, however, that all construction contracts shall be let by the Commission on bids in the same manner as, and in accordance with, the laws now governing the awarding of construction contracts by the State Highway Commission. Provided further, that all engineering features, including but not limited to foundations, structural, mechanical, and electrical, shall be designed, planned and the construction supervised by a registered professional engineer, and all architectural features involving function and master planning shall be designed, planned and the construction supervised by a registered professional architect. Provided further, that the Commission may call upon the Texas Highway Department to make appropriate tests and analyses of the natural materials at the site of each building constructed under the terms of this Act, to insure that foundations of said buildings will be adequate for the life of the building.

Sec. 6. The Commission shall have and may exercise the power of eminent domain under the General Laws to obtain sites for buildings.

Sec. 7. The Commission shall obtain title for the State and retain control of the real property acquired for sites and of the buildings located

thereon until final construction is completed and the buildings are occupied by the State agencies to be housed therein, at which time the management and control of said buildings shall be transferred to the Board of Control. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the initial occupants shall be those State agencies agreed upon by the Commission and the Board of Control.

Sec. 8. The Commission shall have the authority to call on any Department of State Government to assist it in carrying out the duties of the Commission. And particularly, it shall be the duty of the Board of Control to do and perform such acts and functions in connection with this Act as the Commission may direct; and to that end any portion of the money appropriated to the Commission may be allocated by the Commission to the Board of Control and expended by it under the direction of the Commission in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 9. The State Building Commission may, in its discretion, invest all or any part of the State Building Fund created by Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution in bonds, notes, certificates or other interest bearing obligations which are direct obligations of the United States of America; provided, however, that the Commission shall keep available sufficient monies to meet current expenditures authorized by appropriations. All income realized from interest or sale of such obligations shall become a part of the State Building Fund.

Sec. 10. The first building to be erected pursuant to this Act and in compliance with Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution shall be for the use and occupancy of the Supreme Court of this State, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and also the offices of the Attorney General of Texas, the State's Attorney before the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Supreme Court Library, and such other facilities and agencies as the Commission and the Board of Control may jointly deem necessary or desirable.

Sec. 11. Pursuant to Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution the building provided for in Section 10 herein shall be known and properly designated by the State Building Commission as a memorial to the Texans who served in the Armed Services of the Confederate States of

America, and a suitable cornerstone or plaque, or other proper means of designation, shall be integrated into the construction of the building to effectuate this memorial purpose. It shall be proper, however, to refer to the building as the "Supreme Court Building." Said building shall be of fireproof construction and provided with modern improvements including air-conditioning, proper lighting, heating, ventilation, parking areas, and such other utilities and facilities as the Commission shall determine.

Sec. 12. The State Building Commission is hereby directed to make a careful survey of the most suitable site in the vicinity of the State Capitol for the erection of the said "Supreme Court Building." In keeping with the foregoing consideration, the Commission is hereby specifically authorized, if the State does not already own a suitable site, to acquire such a site.

Sec. 13. The Governor is hereby empowered at his discretion, to appoint a "Supreme Court Building Advisory Board" of not more than five members. It shall be the duty of said Board to advise with the Commission as to the design of the Supreme Court Building mentioned in Section 11 of this Act. The Board shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for such travel expenses as authorized by the Commission. The Board's duties shall terminate when the final contract for the construction of the "Supreme Court Building" is made.

Sec. 14. The second building specifically authorized by this Act and to be considered by the Commission shall be known and designated as the "State Office Building" and shall be designed as a suitable office building for such State agencies as are now occupying space in Travis County, Texas. Said building shall be of fireproof construction and provided with modern improvements including air-conditioning, proper lighting, heating, ventilation, and such other utilities and facilities as the Commission shall determine. The Commission shall give due consideration to the efficient operation of the agencies housed in said building in its choice of a site, and if the State does not already own a suitable site, the Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire such a site.

Sec. 15. Monuments or memorials for the Texas Heroes of the Confederate States of America and the

Texas War for Independence may be erected on land owned or acquired by the State or, if suitable contracts can be made for permanent preservation of such monuments or memorials, on private property or on land owned by the Federal Government or by other States. The locating and marking of graves of such Texans is hereby authorized.

Sec. 16. The Commission is hereby authorized to negotiate and contract with the Texas Historical Survey Committee, created by the 53rd Legislature, for the purpose of assisting and advising the Commission with regard to the proper memorials and monuments to be erected, repaired, and removed to new locations, the selection of sites therefor, and the locating and marking of graves.

Sec. 17. Pursuant to Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution, it shall be the duty of the Commission, and it is hereby directed, to make inquiry into the terms and conditions upon which a suitable monument may be erected in Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg, Mississippi, in memory of the Texans who served in the Armed Forces of the Confederate States of America, at the siege of Vicksburg in 1863. If the Commission finds that the erection of a suitable monument in said park is in keeping with the provisions of Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas, it shall cause plans to be drawn for the erection of said monument, and at the earliest practicable date inform the Legislature as to the sum of money that should be appropriated to erect said monument.

Sec. 18. The sum of Three Million (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the State Building Fund for the purpose of erecting and equipping the Supreme Court Building and providing a suitable site therefor. The same shall include the necessary expenditures for the drawing of plans for said building, the leveling of the site and all other necessary expenditures in connection therewith, and the providing of suitable parkways and other necessary means of proper ingress and egress to and from said building.

Sec. 19. The sum of Three Million (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the State Building Fund for the purpose of erecting and equipping the State Office Building mentioned in Section 14 hereof,

and for providing a suitable site therefor, if the Commission finds it desirable to purchase a site.

The sum shall include the necessary expenditures for drawing of plans for said State Office Building, the leveling of the site and all other necessary expenditures in connection with the construction and equipping of said building.

Sec. 20. The sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the State Building Fund for compensation and other necessary operating expenses of the said Commission from the effective date of this Act until August 31, 1955. The sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the State Building Fund for the use by the Commission for the payment of contracts entered into with the Texas Historical Survey Committee in carrying out the provisions set forth in Section 16 of this Act.

Sec. 21. Pursuant to Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution, there is also appropriated from the State Building Fund the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of erecting suitable memorials to the heroes of the Texas War for Independence on any suitable sites now owned by, or hereafter acquired by, the State, or on sites otherwise authorized in Section 15 hereof.

Sec. 22. The sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State Building Fund to cover preliminary expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes mentioned in Section 17 of this Act, including the drafting of a design for said monument.

Sec. 23. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or void, such action shall not affect the other portions of this Act.

Sec. 24. The fact that Section 51-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas, as added on November 2, 1954, constitutes a mandate to the Legislature of Texas to make effective a State building program at its present session; the further fact that there is urgent need for new and more suitable quarters for the Supreme Court and other higher courts of this State, and the other agencies mentioned herein; the further fact that there is also an urgent need for additional State-

owned office space to accommodate the various State agencies now located in widely dispersed parts of the City of Austin; and the further fact that this Act is intended to relieve the foregoing conditions as early as possible, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended; and said Rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; and it is so enacted.

The Committee amendment was read.

(President in the Chair.)

Senator Shireman offered the following committee amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1:

Amend Committee Amendment No. 1 to S. B. 134 by inserting after Section 14 a new section to be numbered 15 and to read as shown below, and by renumbering subsequent sections in consecutive order.

Section 15. The third building specifically authorized by this Act and to be considered by the Commission shall be known and designated as "The State Department of Health Building" and shall be designed as a suitable laboratory and office building to house the State Department of Health. Said building shall be of fireproof construction and provided with such modern improvements as the Commission shall determine. It is further provided that said building may be built by units, and may be financed from any moneys available from the regular biennial appropriations to the State Department of Health, from any federal grants or funds available therefor, and from any moneys in the State Building Fund which the Legislature may specifically provide therefor.

The amendment to the amendment failed of adoption.

#### Record of Votes

Senators Martin, Kelley, Aikin, Shireman and Phillips asked to be recorded as voting "yea" on the adoption of the above amendment.

Senator Shireman offered the following committee amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1:

Amend Committee Amendment No. 1 to S. B. 134 by inserting immediately before the present Section 23 a new section to read as follows, and by re-

numbering sections of the bill in consecutive order:

Section 23. From the excess of any moneys in the State Building Fund over and above the first \$6,400,000 of income to the fund beginning January 1, 1955 (which sum of \$6,400,000 provides for the appropriations specifically made in preceding sections of this Act and which may be made in the General Appropriations Act of the 54th Legislature), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,500,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary for the partial financing of the State Department of Health Building.

On motion of Senator Moffett the committee amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 was tabled.

Senator Martin offered the following amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1:

Amend Committee Amendment No. 1 to S. B. 134 by adding a new section to be numbered to read as follows:

"Section 19a. The State Library shall be kept and maintained in the State Capitol which shall include an up-to-date law library."

The amendment was adopted.

Committee Amendment No. 1, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Senator Moffett, and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

The bill, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

#### Senate Bill 134 on Third Reading

Senator Moffett moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 134 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—29

Aikin	Latimer
Ashley	Lock
Bracewell	Martin
Colson	McDonald
Fly	Moffett
Fuller	Moore
Hardeman	Owen
Hazlewood	Parkhouse
Kazen	Phillips
Kelley	Ratliff

Roberts	Shireman
Rogers	Strauss
of Childress	Wagonseller
Rogers of Travis	Weinert
Secrest	Willis

Absent

Corbin

Absent—Excused

Lane

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—29

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Weinert
Moffett	Willis

Absent

Corbin

Absent—Excused

Lane

#### Senate Resolution 153

Senator Corbin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as a visitor in the Senate, Dr. Pearce P. Brooks, outstanding businessman and civic leader of Dallas, the State of Texas and the Nation; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome this distinguished visitor to the Capitol Building and to Austin, the Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That his presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that he be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

**Senate Resolution 154**

Senator Wagonseller offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored to have in the Senate today Kent Wagonseller, lawyer from Lubbock; and

Whereas, He is an outstanding attorney and citizen of West Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be welcomed by the Senate and extended the courtesy of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Wagonseller by unanimous consent presented his brother, Mr. Kent Wagonseller, to the Members of the Senate.

**Senate Bill 17 on Second Reading**

Senator Fuller asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 17 for consideration at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Fuller then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 17 for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—24**

Aikin	Owen
Ashley	Parkhouse
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Fuller	of Childress
Hardeman	Rogers of Travis
Hazlewood	Secrest
Kazen	Shireman
Kelley	Strauss
Latimer	Weinert
Lock	Willis
Moffett	

**Nays—6**

Bracewell	Moore
Martin	Phillips
McDonald	Wagonseller

**Absent—Excused**

Lane

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment the following bill:

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 293 of

the Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, providing that vehicles used exclusively to transport ready-mix concrete may be operated upon the public highways of this state with a tandem axle load not to exceed thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds, a single axle load not to exceed eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds or a gross load not to exceed fifty-four thousand (54,000) pounds; providing for the fixing, filing, and approval of an indemnity bond under certain circumstances; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read the second time.

Senator Fuller offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill 17, Section 1, paragraph 2, line 4, after the word "exceed" by deleting the words and figures "eighteen thousand (18,000)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following words and figures "twelve thousand (12,000)"; and on line 4 delete the word "or" and insert in lieu thereof the word "and"; and on lines 4 and 5, after the word "exceed" by deleting the words and figures "fifty-four thousand (54,000)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following words and figures "forty-eight thousand (48,000)."

The amendment was adopted.

Question—Shall S. B. No. 17 be passed to engrossment?

**Conference Committee on Senate Bill 28**

The President announced the appointment of the following as a Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on S. B. No. 28:

Senators Moore, Kelley, Kazen, Corbin and Wagonseller.

**Report of Standing Committee**

Senator Rogers of Travis, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
March 28, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred H. B. No. 253, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with



the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

ROGERS of Travis, Chairman.

### House Bill 253 Ordered Not Printed

On motion of Senator Rogers of Travis, and by unanimous consent, H. B. No. 253 was ordered not printed.

### House Joint Resolutions on First Reading

The following House Joint Resolutions received from the House were read first time and were referred to the committees indicated:

H. J. R. No. 31, To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

H. J. R. No. 15, To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Weinert, the Senate, at 12:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

### FORTY-FIRST DAY

(Tuesday, March 29, 1955)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Weinert
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent—Excused

Lane

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father, as Thou didst make

known Thy ways to Moses and our pilgrim fathers, so wilt Thou make known Thy ways to us. Teach us that Moses the meek became the mightiest of men; and that Thou hast said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

### Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Hardeman submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
March 29, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 24, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass and be not printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
March 29, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 539, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
March 29, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 541, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
March 29, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 425, have had the same under